

MEMORIAL VILLAGES POLICE

CRIME ANALYSIS SUMMARY

November 29th through December 5th, 2013

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713-365-3700

The following crime occurred outside of our jurisdiction; however, it occurred in Houston adjacent to the area and involved a Bunker Hill Resident. Please note and be aware:

On Thursday, December 5th, a female resident of Bunker Hill was robbed at gunpoint while shopping at the Target Store at 984 N Gessner.

This is very important information:

The following is a crime method that is being used frequently all over Houston and in our area in the Katy Freeway shopping area. According to information from the Houston Robbery Unit, the suspects use rentals cars and drive parking lots looking for victims. According to the HPD info, the victims they target are small framed females, often Asian, with medium or large purses. As the victim is busy loading their car from shopping, the suspects will drive up and quickly attempt to take the purse. They usually try to get the purse while it is in the shopping cart, but in the case below, tried to grab it from the victim while it was still strapped over the victim's shoulder.

Most of the incidents occur during daylight hours. Female residents are urged to use caution while shopping alone. Try and avoid carrying large purses. Pay close attention to surroundings before loading their cars or attempting to enter their vehicle. One tip is to keep your car keys in your hand so if someone approaches you can hit the panic button on your car alarm. If approached, scream as loud as you can to get attention of other shoppers. If you see or think something is suspicious, DO NOT walk to your car but instead walk back inside the store and alert security. Keep you cell phone handy where you can immediately notify police. Try to be a good witness by noting the description of the suspects and/or the vehicle they are driving.

Here is the information on this particular incident. On December 5th, between 13:39 hours and 13:45 hours, an aggravated robbery took place in the parking lot of 900 Gessner. The specific location is described as the Target parking lot, north side near the shopping cart returns. The victim advised that she observed the three suspects inside the store and felt that they were suspicious but was able eventually to avoid them while in the store.

Victim stated she exited the store and walked to her car and observed the three suspects exit the store also. Victim stated she continued to observe them out of the corner of her eye while she loaded items into the back seat of her Lexus SUV. Victim stated she observed that one suspect was a Hispanic male and one suspect was a light skinned, black male. Victim stated she was not sure what race the third male was. Victim stated she observed one male pull the hood up on the hoodie and thought that was strange. Victim stated that she closed the back door of her SUV and when she stepped forward and looked up, the light skinned, black male came from the front passenger side of her SUV around to the driver side and extended an arm toward her chest. Victim stated when suspect lifted his arm, his hand came out of his sleeve and he was holding a gun to her chest. Victim stated she looked the suspect right in his face. Suspect had the hood of his hoodie pulled over his head.

Victim described suspect:

- wearing bulky clothing, including a hoodie
- light skinned black male with dark brown eyes
- clean shaven
- approximately 5'06" tall
- around 160 or 170 lbs
- young-no more than 19 years old.
- no distinguishing characteristics such as scars, piercings or tattoos visible.
- no jewelry showing
- suspect robbed the victim at gunpoint and ran to the passenger side of the suspect vehicle.

Victim described the suspect vehicle:

- not brand new but not old-sometime after 2000.
- Ford F150 pick up truck-
- possibly a crew cab
- blue in color-(Ford's website indicates Flame Blue-verified by victim as the color)
- dark tinted windows
- lots of chrome on the vehicle-the front of the truck stood out the most with what appeared to be the entire grill in chrome and front end encased in chrome.
- the lenses of the front and rear lights are clear.
- Texas license plate first character is a B.

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BUNKER HILL

On November 29th an officer stopped a vehicle in the 200 block of Gessner for a traffic violation. The driver was found to have outstanding warrants. The driver was placed under arrest for the warrants.

On December 4th an officer responded to the 600 block of Flintdale in reference to a disturbance between two workers in the area. The disturbance was a misunderstanding between the two, and parties were separated.

PINEY POINT

On December 5th an officer responded to the 11200 block of Montebello in reference to an identity theft. Unknown person opened numerous credit card accounts in the victim's name. This case is under investigation.

HUNTERS CREEK

On December 3rd an officer responded to the 800 block of Kuhlman in reference to an identity theft. Unknown person accessed personal information of the victim online.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

During the holiday season people tend to spend more time away from home shopping and attending parties and other holiday social functions. With this in mind, this week's column will deal with personal safety recommendations.

When shopping or attending social functions at night try and park in well lit, high traffic locations. This will help keep you from becoming a target of criminals since they usually do not like to operate in areas where they can be seen and there is a high volume of pedestrian and vehicle traffic.

If valet parking is available it is a good idea to use it especially at night. Be sure to remove your house keys from the key ring and only leave your vehicle key with the valet.

When you are attending a dress function and wearing expensive jewelry, it is recommended that you keep them covered with a wrap or scarf while driving or walking in public so that you don't draw unwanted attention to yourself.

When driving to and from shopping or social functions be aware of your surroundings. Criminals have been known to watch retail and entertainment locations looking for victims and then follow them to a low traffic location where they will then rob them. As you are driving, watch your mirrors for any vehicles that appear to be following you. If you think you are being followed make several un-signalized turns to see if the other vehicle makes the same turn. If the other vehicle does make the turns, **DO NOT** drive home. Stay mobile and use your cellular telephone to call the police. If you do not have a cellular telephone, then drive to a police station or fire station where you can get help.

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